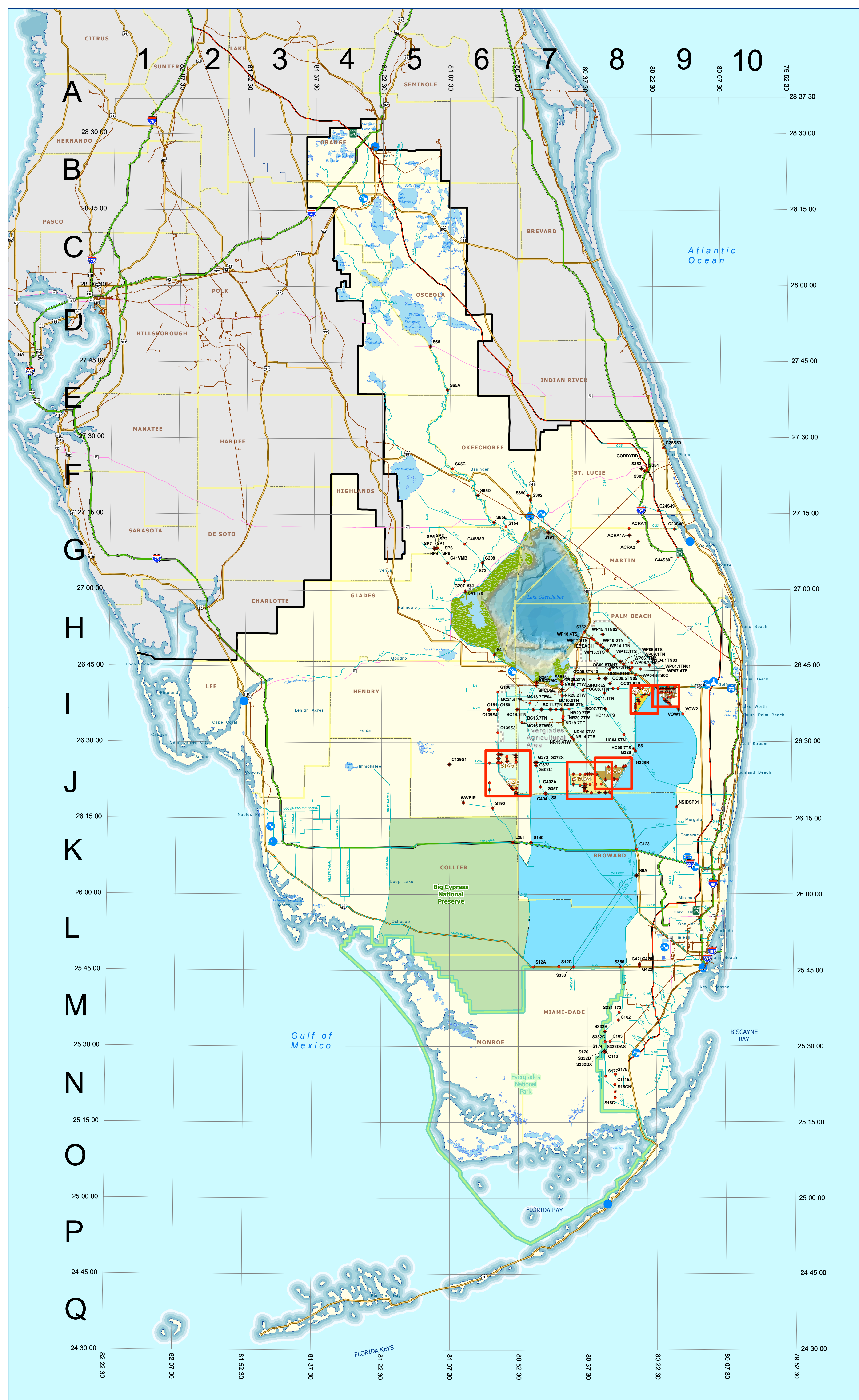


SITE INDEX



Site / Station Definitions

A specific coordinate that indicates where data (observations, sampling or monitoring) is collected. Data are usually assigned to Stations by various classifications such as Stage, Flow, Weather, and Water Quality. A coordinate may have more than one Station associated to it. The name given to a station has traditionally been similar to, or an exact duplicate of, the corresponding site name (see "site" below).

A representative point used to designate one or more Stations that are associated by proximity or project. Site level representation is to provide clarity for small scale mapping in lieu of displaying a high density of associated stations. The Site location is often based on the position of a recording device, such as a remote terminal unit (RTU), or can be derived from a common sense location between the associated stations. A Site should not be viewed as an area feature with specific boundaries but simply as a representative location of activity.

SUMMARY: BOTH A "STATION" AND "SITE" REPRESENT A LOCATION FOR INFORMATION, WITH STATION BEING SPECIFIC TO THE COLLECTION OF DATA AND SITE BEING A GENERAL APPROXIMATION OF ASSOCIATED STATIONS

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